

THE WATER WRONG.

A Resident of Capitol Hill Thinks We Have Too Much "Engineer Officer."

Some Old Plans that, in His Opinion, Promise Better than the New Ones.

To the Editor.

I am exceedingly glad to see THE REPUBLICAN stirring up the question of water supply. As evidence of the present condition of affairs, the Star of the fifth publishes a letter from Mr. Pettibone, at the corner of Thirteenth-and-a-half and B streets southwest, stating that he has had to take the water back out of his range, and has to draw the water in his kitchen and carry it up the second story and pour it into the water closet.

Now, sir, I have no doubt of the truth of his statement, but he and others should know that such has been the condition of affairs on Capitol hill for several years. In June, 1881, the water was so low on the hill that the Wallach Building, then there were seven hundred children, it would not flow in the closets on the ground floor! And as will be collected by the citizens, it was necessary to shut off all the public fountains, except those at the white house, in order to get even a tolerable supply. We have petitioned and begged and plead, but in vain. The "engineer officers in charge" at first denied the facts. Mr. Twining, when before the house committee two years ago, said he did not believe our condition was as bad as we stated, and when the facts were demonstrated, he said he had no idea it was so bad. Why Senator McMillan should expect and rely on an engineering officer, I cannot comprehend.

It is under the control of engineer officers of the army now, and has been ever since 1874, and that's what's the matter. There's altogether too much "engineer officer" in it now. Judging by the past, we shall soon have no water at all if any more engineer officers are added. Besides, what's the use of such an inquiry? Gen. Meigs told the senate long ago what every person of sense knows—that the great trouble of unequal distribution arises from the fact that there is not, as there should be, separate supply pipes for the high and the low services. All the mains are connected so that while a person on the high grounds gets a pressure of 100 feet, those on the low grounds get a pressure of 20 feet. This is due to the fact that the water back upon the high grounds due to a head of from seventy-five to 100 feet. An attempt is made, by turning down the stop cocks in the pipes which lead from the higher to the lower mains, to partially shut off the supply to the lower levels, and thereby to equalize the pressure in the different localities, but from the very nature of the case it is impossible; for in shutting it off so as to give a lower pressure along the avenue it is so decreased that in the few supply pipes beyond the avenue on the island and where the ground is much higher, there is comparatively no pressure, as shown by Mr. Pettibone's case. So, too, would it be in the case of opening in the limit of partially closing the stop cock in the thirty inch main at the junction of Massachusetts and New York avenues, in order to throw the water back upon the high grounds of the northwest quarter, thus cutting off the supply from Capitol hill. In 1873 the water at the northeast corner of the Capitol grounds would rise twenty feet above the roof of the tallest building there. Now it will not rise to the second story except at intervals, and that is not the highest ground by a good deal.

An illustration of the brilliant management of the engineers in charge, take the case of this stop cock, the history of which is to be found in the report of Gen. Babcock for 1876, being "Appendix GG" of the annual report of the chief of engineers, page 277" in which he says:

In answer to the engineer of the District of Columbia for permission to drain off the Potomac water in order to place a 30 inch stop cock in the United States 30 inch main, in Massachusetts avenue near its intersection with New Jersey avenue, the engineer of the District of Columbia advised that the placing of this stop cock in the 30 inch main and closing it would increase the pressure in the pipes on Capitol hill.

After a decided contrary opinion, I granted the permit, as I expected the stopping the work was to be borne by the district, and the stop cock when placed in the main would become the property of the United States. The water was to be taken from our houses, and the stop cock set in the main, and closed. This proved of closing it was that on Capitol hill certain streets were deprived almost entirely of Potomac water, others being supplied with only partial supply. It remained for several days in order to give it a trial, and was then opened by order of the district commissioners.

The Sugar Schedule.

be surrounded by a grand park which should bear his name, and hand it down to future generations! Hence it was at once antagonized by Messrs. Twining, Hoxie, and Phelps. They said it could not be done for any such amount; that Rock creek could not be crossed by his proposed inverted siphon, just as though the water which now crosses Rock creek through curved pipes would not flow evenly well if these pipes were turned the other side up. They did, however, give way to the suggestion of the works of Virginia City, in Nevada, where for years an inverted siphon had been in use, under a pressure of 1,700 feet head, and which is seven miles long; and when the senate committee met called on them to say what it could be done for, they said no estimate could be formed without a survey, which would take several months; and yet, when Gen. Meigs reported his estimate for a nine-foot conduit was figured at the price of the eleven-foot one then being built at Baltimore, they at once came in with their estimate, making it cost \$1,308,540. (See Senate Ms. Docs., Nos. 48 and 76, 45th cong., 3d session.)

The President Going to New York.

The President will leave here this evening for New York city to attend the funeral of Gov. Morgan, which takes place on Friday.

Personal.

HABER'S MAGAZINE COMPLETE JUST PUBLISHED—A new monthly magazine containing Price \$1 per volume. Will sell on small instalments. BEX, Republican Office.

MRS. RANSOM'S STUDIOS, NO. 915 F STREET, will be open to visitors on Fridays from 1 to 5, and on Saturday afternoons from 2 to 5.

FURNITURE-CLASS.—STEREOPHOTON EXHIBITION furnished for parlor and church entertainments over 1,000 views to select from. In T. H. HEMPTON'S Office, 10th and F Streets, Washington.

TAKEN FROM 1220 O STREET NORTHEAST in a pocketbook containing papers of value to him and the owner, a woman of 35 years of age, \$10 reward will be given and no questions asked.

SCHOOL OF ART NEEDLEWORK, ROOM 19, Vernon Bay, Pennsylvania Avenue and Tenth Street, will be open to visitors on Saturday afternoons.

GLOBE MDS. DR. A. HULL A RELIABLE PHYSICIAN, physician, test medium, and magnetician. Dr. H. will be consulted at 345 Pennsylvania Avenue, No. 11, Day and night.

D'ALOISIO, W. E. DENTIST, DENTIST, OBSTETRICIAN, student of Drs. J. H. Darrell and C. G. Scott, offers his professional services to the public. Office and residence, 10th and F Streets, Washington.

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DECORATIVE ART NEEDLEWORK—MRS. E. BISHOP-GAMAN will give instruction in Crochet, Knitting, Circular Crochet, Circular Knitting, Classes and private. Apply at her Embassy Parlor, No. 1210 Q street, northwest.

* PARTS OF THE HUMAN BODY—EXPLAINED, developed, and strengthened," etc., is an interesting advertisement long run in our paper, and shows that the engineer would do extremely well to consult it. On the contrary, the advertisements are very highly indorsed. Interested parties may get full information from any of the following: Dr. J. S. McNEIL, 10th and F Streets, New York; Dr. F. O. Box, 111, Buffalo, N. Y.—*Telegraph Evening Rec.*

Alabama Claims Commission.

The court of commissioners of Alabama claims met yesterday, and in accordance with a recent order of the court the first 1,500 cases on the docket were called. The following gentlemen were called to practice before the court: Benjamin Estes, Gen. P. Lawrence, Massachusetts; S. H. Barber, Hartford, Conn.; Alfred J. Clay, Pennsylvania; Thomas H. Russell, Boston; A. E. Clark, New Bedford, Mass.; Josiah G. Abbott, Boston; Ira D. Warren, New York; and Alfred D. Foster, The below enumerated cases have been set for hearing to-day: Nos. 8, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 107, 108, 175, 432, 433, 434, 435, 1414, 110, 111, 112, 113, 118, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 114, 115, 117, 119, 149, 173, 174, 175, and 176.

Want Their Pay.

The clerks in the general land office are hopeful that house bill 6904 will be reported favorably from committee and passed by the house. It appropriates about \$2,000 for the relief of certain clerks and employees in that office who were furloughed from July 1 to August 5, 1882, on account of the failure of congress to pass the legislative, judicial, and executive appropriation bill before the close of the fiscal year 1882. These employees, some thirty in all, worked right straight along despite the furlough, trusting that congress would make provision for their compensation.

The Sugar Schedule.

The exact language of the paragraph in the sugar schedule embracing sugars not above No. 10 Dutch standard is:

All sugars not above No. 10 Dutch standard in color, 8 tank bottoms, strips of cane juice, or of beet juice, 100% pure, and moderately refined, and concentrated in lesser taste, but the polariscope not above 75 degrees, shall pay a duty of 14 cents per pound, and for every additional degree or fraction of a degree shown by the polariscope or by the saccharometer, add a cent per pound additional.

DEPARTMENT DOTS.

The court of claims has adjourned until Monday next.

The civil service commission will probably be nominated to-day.

The postoffice department was closed yesterday, the day of ex-Postmaster General Jewell's funeral.

Herr Von Eisenreicher, the new German minister, was formally presented to the President yesterday by the secretary of state.

The secretary of the treasury has received the resignation of J. J. Brown, as keeper of the Licking county safe, and is expected at the office on Saturday.

Sergeant Teller has directed Indian Inspector Pollock to investigate the cause of the troubles in the Sioux nation, and settle them amicably if possible.

The receipts from internal revenue yesterday were \$24,631, and from customs \$79,100. The national bank notes received for redemption yesterday amount to \$216,930.

A delegation of colored clergymen from Baltimore, headed by Rev. Dr. Draper, called upon the secretary of state, to complain of the conduct of the Postmaster General Jewell.

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Sergeant Folger has returned to this city from New York. He is suffering from a slight illness, and did not visit the Treasury department yesterday.

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